GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF MEAT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether there is a risk of serious disease spreading across the country due to granting of the permission for import of meat into the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government have sought the advices of environmentalists and experts on this issue; and (

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (c) To prevent the eventuality of import of disease infected meat into the country, import of meat has been made subject to a sanitary import permit to be issued by Deptt of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, as per Section 3A of Livestock Importation Act, 1898. As per this provision import of meat shall be allowed only after the import consignment has been examined from all sanitary aspects including prevalence of any disease in the consignment. This measure is likely to ensure that no import of disease infected meat takes place in the country.